

SCPD supports variance request: ■ Linden St, Somerville

Dear Board Chair Dawn Guarriello and Members of the Architectural Access Board ("AAB" or "Board"):

On behalf of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD), I am writing to express our support of the AAB variance application submitted on or about November 13, 2021, by ■ ("Petitioner") regarding a variance to the Massachusetts Plumbing Code 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (c) 4 for the continued use of the existing 1-1/2" drain for a new shower.

The Commission recommends the authority having jurisdiction accept the variance request with the following observations:

- The primary risk appears to be localized bathroom flooding due to a smaller than standard drain.
- This is a single family home, thus would be unlikely to negatively impact others.
- To mitigate potential flooding, we recommend the installation of a low flow and/or controllable flow shower head.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bonnie Denis  
Chair, Somerville Commission for Persons With Disabilities